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Office of the General Counsel
Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office

June 10, 2019

Liam Knox
MuckRock News
Dept. MR 71307
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #19-045

Dear Mr. Knox:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 10, 2019 to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)/ Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which the Agency received on May 10, 2019. In your request you asked for

“A copy of all emails, memos, and other communications between the following employees of Voice of America (VOA and the U.S. Agency for Global Media (formerly known as the Broadcasting Board of Governors) or their offices

Jeff Spenard (jeff@voiceamerica.com)

Tracy Trump (tacy.trump@voiceamerica.com)

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, former Chairman of the BBG

David S. Jackson, former Director of VOA

Joaquin F. Blaya, former CEO of Radio Unica Communications Corporation

Edward E. Kaufman, political consultant”

For tracking purposes, your request has been assigned **Reference Number FOIA19-045**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence with our office regarding your request. Also, be advised that the Agency processes FOIA requests on a first in, first out basis.

For purposes of assessing fees pursuant to the OMB Fee Guidelines, your request has been placed in Category II, the “educational and scientific institutions and news media” category. Consistent with Category II, you will be assessed charges to recover the full direct costs of the search for and review of the requested documents, as well as the duplication of those documents. Search and review charges for all categories are \$36/\$20/\$10 per hour, depending on the General Schedule Pay Rate of the clerical and professional staff conducting the search or review. The fee for reproduction is \$0.15 per page. Additionally, you may be charged for search time even if the agency fails to locate any records responsive to the request, or even if the records located are subsequently determined to be

exempt from disclosure. In accordance with your request, we will contact you for written permission to proceed if estimated fees exceed \$300.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address or at foia@usagm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dana Sade', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dana Sade
Assistant General Counsel